

Fire Protection Alliance
July 14, 2005 Minutes

Meeting at Faith Station 54, was opened by Bob Parnell.

Attending:

Terry Smith- Spencer	Bobby Burleyson- South Salisbury
Scott Gardner- Faith	Darrell Nichols- South Salisbury
Mike Spry- Franklin	Rusty Alexander- Locke
Dan Peters- Granite Quarry	Bob Parnell, Bo Geter, Tom Murphy,
Brad Burleyson- South Salisbury	Tammy File- Faith

Last month's (June 2005) minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Chief Gardner and Dan Peter reported on the July 4th celebration. They said that everything went well as expected. They thanked Salisbury Fire Department for the use of their gator. Chief Gardner said that they Alliance proved itself with its resources. Dan said that working with the rescue squad went tremendously well. Law enforcement was not into the event as much as the fire departments were but they worked well with them. Chief Parnell said that having a plan probably made them feel a lot more comfortable.

Chief Parnell gave everyone a list of the Items that were discussed at the Alliance Safety Stand-Down. The items discussed were driving concerns and mutual aid operations.

The Touch N Track policy needs to be developed soon since all the departments either have the system or have it ordered. Rusty Alexander, Terry Smith and Mike Spry will develop an Alliance wide procedure.

A recommendation was made to have study done with Rowan Communications.

The question came up about Alliance members jumping in to help with fire calls, medical calls, etc. whenever they are in the area and help is needed. Dan Peters and Bob Parnell are going to work on this issue and come up with a managed policy.

All the trucks were at Station 51 for computer mounts, the intent is for every truck to have a computer in it.

The main topic of discussion was Fire Prevention Week. Battalion Chief Murphy said that this year's theme is "Candle with Care, when you go out, blow out."

Each department told what their departments did during fire prevention week. Battalion Chief Murphy said that having a truck at Lowe's didn't work out too well, that Wal-Mart is a better place to have it more kids come thru. Get fire prevention brochures in the kids' hands and the parents will read them.

Battalion Chief Geter said that Saturdays and Sundays are good days to be out promoting fire prevention at Wal-Mart.

Chief Parnell asked if we need to go out to the schools instead of the stores to get the message of fire prevention across to the citizens.

Battalion Chief Murphy said it is tough to get into the schools.

Dan Peters said that 4th grade seems to be a good age group, probably can get schools to cooperate as long as we go only 15-20 minutes.

Rusty Alexander said that Locke visits the school and gives out information sometimes they have the smoke house there and run all grades thru the house.

Chief Gardner said Faith also visit the school and gives out fire prevention information to the kids to take home.

After much discussion, Chief Parnell said that he thought each department was doing a great job with fire prevention and it was decided that each department go on as they have In the past.

Two handouts were given by Chief Parnell to the group. The 2005 basic fire & rescue training school notification was given out; this school starts on September 7, 2005. This training will provide two opportunities for firefighters throughout Rowan and Cabarrus County. The other handout was for Fire Officer Certification Course which starts Aug.2-Nov. 12, 2005

The Alliance decided that the next training they will have will be held on Monday, July 25th at Faith School. It was decided that the next training topics will be Water points, and safety stand-down.

There was a discussion as to whether the Alliance wants to step out and include other departments like East Spencer, Ellis, Union and Cleveland. Alliance members are to talk to these other departments and get their input.

The next Alliance meeting date was not set at this meeting. Chief Parnell is going to decide on a place and date and let everyone know.